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RABBI ADDRESSES MONTREAL HADASSAH

Upwards of six hundred Jewish women heard Rabbi Margolis deliver an address at the Eighteenth Birthday Celebration of Montreal Hadassah in the Grand Ballroom of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. A. J. Freiman, O.B.E., who was present, was honored as National Hadassah President, with the lighting the first of eighteen candles on a gigantic birthday cake. She moved the entire audience to tears as she uttered a prayer for the alleviation of Jewish suffering abroad.

Rabbi Margolis spoke of the vital responsibility of Jewish women who are the 'world-wide mothers of the pioneer children in Palestine, who look here for efforts and sacrifices for the preservation of their home.'

Rabbi Margolis is scheduled to address the opening session of the National Convention of Canadian Hadassah in the Chateau Laurier on Sunday evening, January 24th.

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B'NAI BRITH 'SMOKER' SPURS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A splendid crowd of B'nai Brith-ites and their friends filled the Talmud Torah Hall last Wednesday evening at the 'Membership Smoker' arranged by the Membership Campaign Committee. Mr. Edward Gittelsohn presided, and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ben Shulman, of Brookline, Mass.

In a stirring presentation of the facts about antisemitism on this continent, pointedly illustrated by quotations and periodicals reeking with antisemitic propaganda, Mr. Shulman indicated the valuable anti-defamation work of B'nai Brith. Referring also to the 'positive' contributions of B'nai Brith, Mr. Shulman spoke of the Hillel Foundations in the colleges, and of the philanthropic projects of the Order. He concluded his address with a strong appeal to increase B'nai Brith membership.

Dr. Wolochow moved the vote of thanks, and Mr. Abrams, Campaign Chairman, urged the members present to get application blanks signed by the next meeting. Mr. A. J. Freiman, who was present, showed deep interest in the current activity of the Ottawa Lodge, and Rabbi Margolis also gave a brief message of encouragement.

Smokes and refreshments were served and the crowd dispersed in highly enthusiastic spirits.

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THE JEWISH THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS

For your social and aesthetic delectation, two one-act plays to be staged in the Talmud Torah Hall, on Sunday evening, January 16th, at 8.30 p.m.

The program will include: 'RETURN AT SUNSET', by A. Shiffman, directed by Mrs. Heilingher, and Act 2 of 'THE KIBBITZER'.

All drama-lovers are invited and urged to attend this splendid double-feature performance by local talent. Admission will be thirty-five cents.

NOTED RABBI TO ADDRESS CONVENTION BANQUET

Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago, outstanding scholar, pulpiteer and Zionist, will be the guest speaker at the banquet which will close the Zionist Convention in the Grand Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier, on Monday evening, January 24th.

Rabbi Goldman is one of the most prominent alumni of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and is nationally recognized as one of Jewry's foremost leaders. He is the author of several important literary works, and is a vice chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

A complete program of both the Zionist and Hadassah Conventions will be published in the "Convention Number" of the OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN, to be issued next week.

THIS SABBATH

Parsha B'shalach
Sabbath Shirah

Friday Evening, 8.30 p.m.

"ONEG SHABBAT"

Rabbi William Margolis
will speak

in the Agudath Achim Synagogue,
Rideau Street

on

"NOT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE
A TREE".

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SABBATH MORNING SERMON

in the Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray Street.

RABBI MARGOLIS will preach on
"Would Moses Sing Today?"

Schedule of Services

Kindling of Lights.....4.26 p.m.

Sabbath Eve Services.....4.30 p.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Cong. Adath Jeshurun....9.00 a.m.

Cong. Agudath Achim....8.30 a.m.

Cong. Machzikei Hadath....8.30 a.m.

Cong. B'nai Jacob.....8.30 a.m.

Chamisho-osor bi-Sh'vat — the
"New Year of the Trees", will fall
on Monday, January 17.

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ON JUDGING PEOPLE

One of the most popular pastimes of the idle of mind is sitting, standing, or usually jumping in judgment of other people—their doings and sayings. We are not referring to mere gossip, which is usually limited to painstaking, verbal analysis, with the vari-colored trimmings and embellishments which only the expert exterior character-decorator can supply. We are thinking of that irritating step beyond gossip—that of judging, indicting, condemning, sometimes forever, the individual whose sin or alleged sin becomes, for some mysterious reason, the concern of women and men at tea, at dinner, on the street—and frequently even in the Synagogue.

The Sages of the Talmud, with their rare, human perceptive powers, forewarned us against such base pastimes. Among their first ethical preachments were the admonitions: 'Judge all men in the scale of merit'; 'Judge not thy fellowman until thou art in his place'. We might best understand and apply these noble injunctions if we followed the simple slogan, Judge not', for the obvious reason that we have no right to judge people. No one of us—not even the wisest of us—ever has all the evidence about the persons and deeds we are prone to judge.

There are certain unattainable aspects of our knowledge of people which defy us to dare final judgment. Only the Supreme Judge of Judges can, for example look into the hearts of men, bare their very souls, and know the why and wherefore of human actions, however clear they may appear to our puny minds. Of course, society must set up courts of men to judge and protect it. But we, as individuals, are invested with no such rights. And if our impulse to judge people persists in compelling judgment—then that judgment must remain within us—unspoken, unuttered. For, many a home, many a career, many a life has been destroyed by the unsought judgment that frail, imperfect, and often more sinful mortals have dared to pronounce upon a fellowman.

Shun the gossipier, protect the gossipee—for there always comes a time when 'the judges are judged'.

THE TREES CELEBRATE ROSH HASHANAH

Few religiously motivated concepts are more lovely than Israel's universal observance, on the fifteenth of Sh'vat, of the "New Year of the Trees". The lands of the Diaspora are blanketed in snow. The world of nature sleeps, buried in silence as still as death, yet to the Jewish spirit this seeming quiescence and inactivity is not a saddening spectacle but rather a heartening promise of life ever renewed—ever flourishing. No bird sings—no green branch trembles—no warm breeze stirs; only the petals of snow cover the ground. Yet deep in the secret darkness of the earth, mighty forces are at work, nourishing and strengthening roots and seedlets that will soon take part in the profuse pageantry of summer. The rain and hail will cease, the sun will resume its dominion, the flowers will bloom; but meanwhile the Jews celebrate the approaching spring long before it arrives. We rejoice in the wonderful bounty of the Almighty, confident of its coming—and thankful for the unseen power that produces it.

Here is a lesson which we do not often enough apply to the events of the times. We are prone to pay homage to our leaders of movements, to gaze zealously upon the things and people that hold the limelight. We forget that man's real progress, his widening cycle of achievements, is not so much the result of visible activity, as of unseen, sometimes unsuspected, and frequently uncredited forces. In the warm shelter of the home, in the precious hours of childhood, in the silent love of a mother, in the sweet words of wisdom that the young should hear within the family circle; verily, in all that we mean by the expression "Home", is the magic that makes our world move on to greater things.

While we rejoice in the silent work of nature that brings forth its fruit, we should also consider the mighty invisible influences of home that bring forth their own rich harvest. We should re-emphasize the home as the most real and most lasting source of power over the life of the individual. We should reconsecrate the Jewish Home to the significant role of super-adding to the social and educational functions of society, the moulding of character, and the training of human beings in the art of being human. It is to these fruits too, that are quietly nurtured in the rich, spiritual subsoil of the home, that Chamisho-osor bi-Sh'vat ought to remind us to make our dedication of the future.

William Margolis

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Items for inclusion in this column must be sent to P.O. Box 50, Ottawa before Monday of the week of publication

Every Sunday

Breakfast Club—Service and Breakfast for boys 13-17, at 9:00 a.m. sharp, Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—course in customs and ceremonies, at 10:30 a.m., Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau St. Chug Ivri. Directed by Mr. Israel Lief, principal of Talmud Torah. For adults, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Women's Bible Circle in the Talmud Torah Hall, two o'clock sharp in the afternoon.

'Blatt Gemara' in Yiddish, conducted by Rabbi Margolis, 8 o'clock sharp in Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—History of Jewish Personalities, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue. Directed by Mr. Herman Roodman.

Every Thursday

Men's Talmud Class in English, conducted by Rabbi Margolis, 8 o'clock sharp in Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau St.

Every Saturday

Older pupils of the higher Hebrew Classes are urged to attend the Ivriah Club. Also under direction of Mr. Israel Lief, Principal of Talmud Torah. Saturday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

Two One-Act Plays by the Jewish Theatrical Guild. Talmud Torah Hall, 8:20 p.m. Admission 35c.

Wednesday, January 19

Open meeting, B'nai Brith Women's Auxiliary, Lodge 62. Chateau Laurier. 8:30 p.m.

Ladies of the Lucky Thirteen Club to Sponsor a Tea. In aid of Talmud Torah. 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 22

Y.P.L. Annual Dance. At the Chateau Laurier.

Thursday, January 27

Annual meeting G'miluth Chasodim Scientific. Agudath Achim Synagogue. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 30

Tea sponsored by Ladies' of The Free Loan Society, Talmud Torah Hall 8:00 p.m.

Y. P. L. COMMUNITY BALL JANUARY 22nd

The Main Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier will be the scene of this year's Y. P. L. Annual 'Community Ball', to be held on Saturday, January 22nd.

The committee is sparing no expense to make this the outstanding Ball in the history of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Berkeley Kidd's ten-piece orchestra, with vocalist, will provide the music. Entertainment, featuring a professional 'Big-Appler', will be presented. The other amenities of refreshments, Punch, etc., will of course, be included.

The Y. P. L. expects the community to turn out en masse for the 'Community Ball'.

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TALMUD TORAH AIDED BY LOEB SIMCHA

In celebration of their forthcoming Silver Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. M. Loeb were host and hostess at a very enjoyable Tea held Sunday Evening under the auspices of the Talmud Torah Auxiliary. An appreciable number of men and women were in attendance and the gathering was graced by the presence of Rabbi and Mrs. Margolis and their guests from New York City, Mrs. Regina Margaretten and Mrs. Benjamin Landau, grandmother and aunt, respectively, of Mrs. Margolis. A coincidence occurred in the fact that Mrs. Margaretten is celebrating her 75th birthday and, as illustrated by our Rabiness, who was guest speaker, 75th and 25th made the affair a 100% success. Glowing tribute was paid to both Mr. and Mrs. Loeb for their whole-hearted interest in communal activities by Mrs. Margolis and a visitor from Montreal, Mr. Ginsberg, representative of the "Canadian Eagle", and the hope expressed that they may continue their good work for many more years. Miss Shirley Diamond gave a delightful monologue which was very well received and heartily applauded.

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OTTAWA ZIONIST SOCIETY PLANS FORUM SERIES

At the last meeting of the Ottawa Zionist Society, held in the Talmud Torah, it was decided to sponsor several cultural projects. A committee was appointed to plan a series of monthly lectures on subjects of general Jewish interest, by nationally and internationally known speakers. Admission will be by subscription only.

More specific announcements of program and arrangements will be forthcoming shortly.

YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor:

Like everyone else who is wise enough, I find the 'Oneg Shabbat' gatherings on Friday evening most gratifying to the spirit and stimulating to the mind. I know many who, long ago, forgot the taste of Sabbath Spirit, who find the 'Oneg Shabbat' most satisfying to that hungry emptiness which this materialistic age has brought into people's lives.

Would it be too presumptuous on my part if I were to suggest to the Rabbi, through these columns, the possibility of making a real forum out of the Friday evening gathering. This would provide an opportunity for questions and answers, and for general discussion which many might find quite interesting.

Theodore P. Metrick.

Editor's Note: The intellectual value of your suggestion cannot be questioned Mr. Metrick. But the dignity of the 'Oneg Shabbat' might be impaired by free-for-all questions and discussions. There is ample room for such things at the various adult classes and discussion groups which the Rabbi has initiated.

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Y. P. L. CLASS AND SPEAKER

On Tuesday evening, January 18th, the Young People's League will convene in the Talmud Torah Hall at 8:15 p.m. sharp, for another in the series of discussions with the Rabbi on Personalities in Jewish History.

The guest speaker of the evening will be C.M. Sternberg M. Sc., of the Department of Mines. Mr. Sternberg will deliver an illustrated, non-technical lecture on 'Pre-historic Animal Life in Canada, on which the speaker is the leading Canadian authority.

The community is cordially invited.

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MAZOL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Mandel Lurie, on the occasion of the recent marriage of their son, Jack to Frances Aronoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Aronoff. The newlyweds are both formerly of Montreal.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Fellowes, on the occasion of the birth of their first child, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Molot, 207 Charlotte Street, on the occasion of the birth of a son on January 1st.

WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Pauline Bilsky Chapter of Hadassah

The executive will be hostesses at Tea to be given for the Pauline Bilsky Chapter of Hadassah in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue on Tuesday. A drawing for the Give and Get Raffle Book will take place at this meeting.

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Lena Florence Chapter of Hadassah

Mrs. Olive Pullan Gordon was hostess at a beautifully arranged and largely attended Meeting-Tea of the Lena Florence Chapter of Hadassah, which was held in the Vestry Rooms of the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street. An interesting review of the Hadassah Bulletin was presented by Mrs. M. J. Sachs. Mrs. J. Rachlin won the door prize.

Hostesses for the following week, January 18th, will be Mrs. I. Sigler and Mrs. M. Wolfe.

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Agudath Achim Ladies' Auxiliary

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Mrs. L. Greenberg, of Billings Bridge, and Mrs. H. Soloway will give a Tea on Sunday afternoon, January 16th, in the Vestry Rooms. Rabbi Margolis will be guest speaker.

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Breakfast Club

The Executive of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Agudath Achim Synagogue sponsored breakfast, served to a happy group of ninety-two boys, last Sunday.

The Club was honored by the presence of Mrs. Regina Margareten of New York, who spoke to the young audience. She very kindly promised to provide the boys with 'Bencher's'.

Mrs. S. Coplan, convenor, Mrs. R. Sadinsky, Mrs. S. Kronick, Mrs. M. Mosion, Mrs. M. Levitan, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, Mrs. J. Smolkin, Mrs. A. Stone, Mrs. H. Glushstein, Mrs. M. Zagerman, Mrs. A. Friedman, Mrs. M. Wolfe, Misses Adelaide Sadinsky, Bessie Levitan and Edna Brunberg, assisted in serving.

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Uptown Ladies' Auxiliary

Under the auspices of the Uptown Ladies' Auxiliary, James Street, Mrs. J. Flesher and Mrs. M. Flesher were hostesses at a very successful Tea last Sunday afternoon. Entertainment was provided by Goldie Korn and Eileen Sadinsky. Proceeds were donated in memory of Mr. Alter Labovich.

Agudas Israel Ladies' Auxiliary

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Agudas Israel, West End Ladies' Auxiliary, was held Wednesday evening, January 5th, at the home of Mrs. A. Viner, 255 Booth Street. This new organization now has twenty members.

Mrs. A. Kelman, President of the Agudas Israel Ladies' Auxiliary, will hold a Tea at her home, 1079 Wellington Street, Sunday afternoon, January 23rd, in aid of the organization.

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Uptown Ladies' Auxiliary

On Sunday, January 16th, Mrs. S. Schreiber and Mrs. B. Finestien will be joint hostesses at Tea in the Vestry Rooms of the B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

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Machzikei Hadath Ladies' Auxiliary

A Tea will be given by Mrs. Max Drazin on Sunday, January 16th, at the Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray Street, in aid of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Proceeds will be donated in memory of the late Max Drazin.

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Adath Jeshurun Sunday School

The Adath Jeshurun Sunday School will celebrate Chamisho Osor B'Shevat at their assembly, January 16th. Dr. A. Glickman is providing a treat for the occasion. Mr. Bert Loeb will address the children on, 'Chamisho Osor In Palestine'.

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Talmud Torah Ladies' Auxiliary

A well-attended meeting was held Wednesday evening, January 5th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Talmud Torah. The President, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, welcomed a number of new members.

An interesting report on the education of the Jewish children of Ottawa was given by the Secretary, Mrs. N. Slone. A very gratifying statement was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. S. Coplan. Discussions were held and plans for the future were drawn up. Following the close of the meeting, tea was served by Mrs. B. Goldfield and Mrs. M. Shenkman.

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Aleph Zadik Aleph

At a meeting held on Thursday, January 6th, the following members were elected to positions on the Executive of the Local Chapter of Aleph Zadik Aleph: President, Herb Wolf; Vice-President, Israel Shinder; Secretary, Max Gennis; Treasurer, Myer Vexler; Publicity, Harry Epstein; Door Keeper, Abraham Ginsberg; Assistant Door Keeper, Benjamin R. Progrosh; Chaplain, Joseph I. Lieff.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Encouraging reports were presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board held last Sunday, by the Chairman, Mr. M. Loeb, the Director of Education, Rev. J. Rabin, and Secretary, Mr. A. Cohen.

The following have been appointed by the Vaad Hoir to serve on the Talmud Torah Board during 1938: Messrs. M. Loeb, C. Caplan, A. Shaffer, S. Miller, L. Fine, M. Zagerman, S. Kronick, T. Sachs, M. Held, E. Weiner, M. Steinberg, J. R. Fogle, S. Lesh, H. Shohet, L. Zilberg, I. L. Cohen, Mrs. L. Petegorsky and Rev. J. Rabin.

With the splendid cooperation received from Ladies' Auxiliary and the community at large, a cooperation which the Board hopes it will continue to receive, the future of the Talmud Torah will be secure.

The officers elected are: Honorary Chairman, Mr. A. J. Freiman; Honorary Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Caplan; Honorary Chairman of Education, Rabbi Margolis; Treasurer, Mr. A. Shaffer; Secretary, Mr. A. Cohen; Chairman of Education Committee, Rev. J. Rabin; Chairman of House Committee, Mr. S. Kronick; Chairman of Rental Committee, Mr. I. L. Cohen.

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HONOR ROLL

DECEMBER, 1937

Class 4—Martilda Schreiber, Shloma Goldmaker, Isaac Cooper, Joseph Murray, Shloma Gold.

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Junior Congregation

Cantors for last Saturday morning's Services were Masters Sidney Kronick, Jacob Krantzberg, Norman Lithwick.

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Chug Ivri

The Chug Ivri cordially invites Hebraists to join the club.

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Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood Mrs. I. Rosenthal was in charge of the Tea, given on Wednesday afternoon, January 12th, in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue, King Edward Ave. Proceeds went for the 'Breakfast Club.'

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Anna Goldfield Chapter of Hadassah

Mrs. M. Sobcov, 83 Goulburn Avenue, will be hostess at a Tea for the Anna Goldfield Chapter on Tuesday afternoon, January 18th.

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